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SUBJECT: 12TH SESSION PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE SOUTH PACIFIC

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1. SUMMARY. COMMISSION MEETING IN QUITO HELD JAN 7 - 10, WAS MAINLY REPETITION OF VIEWS AND POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED, AND HELD FEW SURPRISES FOR ECUADOR. CHILEANS HAVE 3 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA EMBODED IN DOMESTIC LEGISLATION BUT HAVE ALWAYS FOUND WAYS TO ACCOMMODATE THIS WITH 200 MILE PRETENSIONS OF OTHER SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES. FONOFF DIRECTOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY BELIEVES ECUADOR WILL SOME DAY BE ABLE ACCOMMODATE CONCEPT 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA WITH RETNETION CERTAIN RIGHTS ON 188 MILES BEYOND. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JAN 15, DCM AND EMBOFF CALLED ON OSWALDO RAMIREZ, FONOFF DIRECTOR TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY TO DISCUSS RECENTLY CONCLUDED MEETING OF PERMANENT COMMISSION SOUTH PACIFIC. RAMIREZ SAID MEETING TURNED OUT ABOUT AS GOE
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HAD EXPECTED AND THAT POSITION OF THREE COUNTRIES REGARDING LOS HAD NOT BEEN FULLY RECONCILED.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, RAMIREZ POINTED OUT THAT CHILEAN POSITION AS ENUNCIATED IN QUITO BY CHILEAN AMBASSADOR GAJARDO (SEE REFTTEL) HAD NOT CHANGED. IN FACT, HE SAID, CHILEAN LAW SPECIFIED 3 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA BUT THAT CHILEAN INTERPRETATION THAT LAW SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE POSITIONS OF PERU AND ECUADOR.

4. RAMIREZ SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION ECUADOR NOT ETERNALLY COMMITTED TO "TERRITORIAL" SEA OF 200 MILES, ALTHOUGH FORMULATION WHICH DOES NOT ADMIT THIS CONCESSION WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND FOR DOMESTIC REASONS. ECUADOR INCLINED MORE TOWARD ECONOMIC SEA IN WHICH FREE PASSAGE WOULD BE GUARANTEED. ECUADOR PREFERRED "ECONOMIC" ZONE TO "PATRIMONIAL" ZONE BECAUSE FORMER IMPLIED ATTRIBUTIONS OF MORE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO COASTAL STATE. FOR EXAMPLE, REGULATIONS RE CONTAMINATION, PRESERVATION OF RESOURCES, ETC. REMAIN SUBJECT TO COASTAL STATE DECISION. IN CONTEXT SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING HE BELIEVES ECUADOR WILL SOMEDAY BE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN SPECIES CONTROL OF EXPLOITATION OF TUNA.

5. RAMIREZ THEN EXPOUNDED ON SOVEREIGNTY CONCEPT PRESENTLY HELD IN GOE AND SAID THAT WHILE IT COULD BE CHANGED BY CIRCUMSTANCES, GOE HOPED TO MAINTAIN IT. HIS ILLUSTRATION WAS AS FOLLOWS: GOE WAS RELUCTANT JOIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ALREADY FORMED TO REGULATE A FISHERY AS IT CONSIDERED THIS AN INFRINGEMENT ON ITS SOVEREIGNTY. THE PREFERRED COURSE WOULD BE TO DISCUSS BIALTERALLY REGULATION OF A FISHERY WHICH MIGHT IN DUE COURSE LEAD TO CONCLUSION WITH OTHER SOVEREIGN STATES THAT LARGER GROUPING WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE. ECUADOR WOULD THEN, WITH OTHERS, BE CHARTER MEMBER OF NEW INTERNATIONAL BODY WHICH MIGHT WELL IMPOSE REGULATIONS LIKE THOSE ALREADY IN EFFECT FROM EXISTING STRUCTURE. THIS APPROACH WOULD NOT DIMINISH IN ANY WAY ECUADOREAN OSVEREIGNTY. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HIS PRESENTATION REPRESENTED, IN PART, A PERSONAL VIEW, RAMIREZ, IN RESPONSE TO DCM ASSERTION THAT ACCEPTANCE OF ANY TREATY IMPLIED DIMINUTION OF
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SOVEREIGNTY, CLAIMED THAT A GREATER SACRIFICE WAS IMPLIED IN ACCESSION TO ALREADY EXISTING ORGANIZATION THAN IN FORMATION AS CHARTER MEMBER OF NEW ONE.

6. COMMENT: RAMIREZ' VIEWS ON MORE PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO 200 MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS WHILE PROTECTING THE PUBLIC ECUADOREAN POSITION REFLECTS THE THINKING OF A LARGE NUMBER OF GOE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THAT OF COMMANDER OF NAVY RADM VASQUEZ AS EXPRESSED TO DATT. ALTHOUGH THIS ATTITUDE SUGGESTS ECUADOR WILL NOT SHUT DOOR TO PROGRESS

IN FORTHCOMING LOS MEETINGS, IT ALSO UNDERLINES THE
GREAT DOMESTIC PUBLIC RELATIONS DIFFICULTIES IN WHICH
ECUADOR HAS ENTANGLED ITSELF BY ITS INABILITY TO BUDGE
FROM THE SEMANTICS OF ITS POSITION.
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